

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
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ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-86

For: County Offices

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1450

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

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Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

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Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist at 501-301-3035. Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

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Disaster Area

Effective January 6, 2003, President Bush declared a Major disaster in Arkansas based on damages and losses caused by a severe ice storm that occurred from December 3 through December 4, 2002. As a result of this major disaster the following 18 counties were declared eligible:

Baxter	Greene	Newton	Stone
Clay	Independence	Poinsett	Van Buren
Cleburne	Izard	Randolph	White
Craighead	Jackson	Searcy	
Fulton	Lawrence	Sharp	

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Disposal

February 1, 2004

Distribution

All County Offices

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 14 other Arkansas counties are named as contiguous. Those counties are:

Boone	Cross	Madison	Prairie
Carroll	Faulkner	Marion	Woodruff
Conway	Johnson	Mississippi	
Crittenden	Lonoke	Pope	

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Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through September 6, 2003, for physical and production losses. Applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This Major disaster declaration number is M1450.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is December 3, 2002.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

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Filing Instructions

File this notice preceding handbook 3-FLP.

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Exhibit 1

Farm

NEWS

Service

United States

Agency

Department of Agriculture

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Arkansas Counties Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., January 6, 2003 -- President Bush declared an Emergency disaster declaration in Arkansas, based on damages and losses caused by a severe ice storm that occurred from December 3 through December 4, 2002. As a result, the following counties are eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans.

Baxter	Greene	Newton	Stone
Clay	Independence	Poinsett	Van Buren
Cleburne	Izard	Randolph	White
Craighead	Jackson	Searcy	
Fulton	Lawrence	Sharp	

Also eligible, because they are contiguous to the above primary counties are:

Boone	Cross	Madison	Prairie
Carroll	Faulkner	Marion	Woodruff
Conway	Johnson	Mississippi	
Crittenden	Lonoke	Pope	

Farmers in the disaster area have until September 6, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered a physical loss or at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.